

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, RSD, is a complex and extremely painful chronic neurological syndrome that afflicts one or more extremity and can simultaneously affect the nerves, muscles, and joints; and

WHEREAS, RSD occurs when a leg or arm has suffered an injury or trauma and does not follow the normal healing path, leading to severe burning pain, pathological changes in bone and skin, excessive sweating, tissue swelling, and extreme sensitivity to touch; and

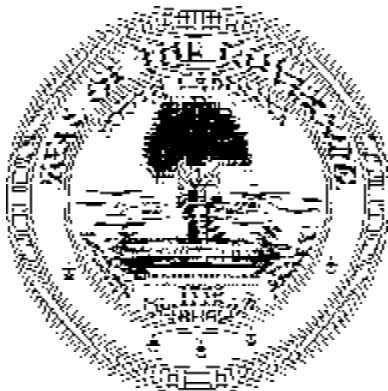
WHEREAS, because RSD presents itself in progressively severe stages, with the most serious resulting in total dysfunction of an extremity, early detection and treatment are vital to preventing the debilitating effects of RSD; and

WHEREAS, while there is currently no cure for RSD, it can easily be treated and curtailed if it is diagnosed in the early stages of development, with the most effective measures of treatment involving a variety of methods including prescription drugs, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and emotional therapy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2003 as

REFLEX SYMPATHETIC DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the importance of continued research into the cause and cure of this debilitating disorder.



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MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA